



MASHPEE

Barnstable County

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NARRATIVE

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Located on Cape Cod, the Town of Mashpee is the fastest growing municipality in the Commonwealth, and felt by its new and old residents to be one of the most gifted with natural beauty. Along with the Martha's Vineyard Town of Gay Head, it is also unique as one of the remaining homes of the Wampanoag Nation, the Native American tribe which met the Pilgrims at Plymouth. Although now outnumbered by new residents, the Wampanoag continue to play a significant role in defining the character of the community through the town's Indian Museum, the annual July Pow Wow and other ongoing activities of the Tribal Council.

With over five miles of sandy beaches on Nantucket and Vineyard Sounds, extensive waterfrontage on Waquoit and Popponesset Bays, four of the largest freshwater ponds on Cape Cod, the three championship golf courses of New Seabury and Willowbend and numerous other visitor amenities such as the nationally recognized Mashpee Commons project, Mashpee is a prime resort, seasonal home and retirement community offering both a relaxed pace of life and a complete range of services.

With enhancement of its economic base in mind, the town is actively seeking both environmentally friendly industrial and commercial development and increased tourist facilities. As part of that effort the Board of Selectmen has officially embarked on a "green tourism" development project focusing on enhanced access and programming at the town's 1,000-plus acres of conservation lands as well as South Cape Beach State Park, the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and The Trustees of Reservations' Lowell Holly and Mashpee River Reservations. In addition, 2200 acres in Mashpee have been proposed for inclusion in a new National Wildlife Refuge. All of these efforts are intended to insure that the town remains true to its Native American heritage, maintains its economic vitality and protects its natural resources and the sense of tranquility that makes residents feel it is one of the best places in the Commonwealth to live, work and visit.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, situated on the southwest end of Cape Cod. Bordered by Sandwich on the north, Barnstable on the east, Nantucket Sound on the south, and Falmouth on the west. Mashpee is 28 miles south of Plymouth and 66 miles southeast of Boston.

Total Area: 27.24 sq. miles

Land Area: 23.48 sq. miles

Population: 7,884

Density: 336 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Hyannis Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.4°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Cotuit, Pocasset, Falmouth, Sandwich

Regional Planning Agency

Cape Cod Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Barnstable-Yarmouth



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 539-1400

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1870

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 5,444

Democrats 1,513 27.8 % Republicans 798 14.7 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 3,133 57.5 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Mashpee town, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	12,946	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	12,946	100.0
Male.....	6,091	47.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	212	1.6
Female.....	6,855	53.0	Mexican.....	28	0.2
Under 5 years.....	766	5.9	Puerto Rican.....	86	0.7
5 to 9 years.....	996	7.7	Cuban.....	14	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	985	7.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	84	0.6
15 to 19 years.....	642	5.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	12,734	98.4
20 to 24 years.....	399	3.1	White alone.....	11,573	89.4
25 to 34 years.....	1,446	11.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,235	17.3	Total population.....	12,946	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,674	12.9	In households.....	12,817	99.0
55 to 59 years.....	750	5.8	Householder.....	5,256	40.6
60 to 64 years.....	642	5.0	Spouse.....	2,925	22.6
65 to 74 years.....	1,461	11.3	Child.....	3,646	28.2
75 to 84 years.....	741	5.7	Own child under 18 years.....	2,976	23.0
85 years and over.....	209	1.6	Other relatives.....	412	3.2
Median age (years).....	40.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	154	1.2
18 years and over.....	9,752	75.3	Nonrelatives.....	578	4.5
Male.....	4,483	34.6	Unmarried partner.....	277	2.1
Female.....	5,269	40.7	In group quarters.....	129	1.0
21 years and over.....	9,465	73.1	Institutionalized population.....	93	0.7
62 years and over.....	2,790	21.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	36	0.3
65 years and over.....	2,411	18.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,080	8.3	Total households.....	5,256	100.0
Female.....	1,331	10.3	Family households (families).....	3,651	69.5
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,617	30.8
One race.....	12,644	97.7	Married-couple family.....	2,925	55.7
White.....	11,683	90.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,161	22.1
Black or African American.....	365	2.8	Female householder, no husband present.....	584	11.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	377	2.9	With own children under 18 years.....	376	7.2
Asian.....	74	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	1,606	30.5
Asian Indian.....	12	0.1	Householder living alone.....	1,312	25.0
Chinese.....	13	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	535	10.2
Filipino.....	14	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,722	32.8
Japanese.....	7	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,619	30.8
Korean.....	7	0.1	Average household size.....	2.44	(X)
Vietnamese.....	12	0.1	Average family size.....	2.91	(X)
Other Asian ¹	9	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	3	-	Total housing units.....	8,325	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	5,256	63.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	3,069	36.9
Samoan.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	2,747	33.0
Some other race.....	142	1.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	302	2.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	12.9	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	5,256	100.0
White.....	11,906	92.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,381	83.4
Black or African American.....	524	4.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	875	16.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	502	3.9	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.45	(X)
Asian.....	117	0.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.36	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	12	0.1			
Some other race.....	255	2.0			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	30
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	56
Federal (Section 8):	19



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Mashpee is situated on Cape Cod, a 65-mile long sandy peninsula comprising Barnstable County. The Cape has excellent highway, rail, bus and air connections to other parts of New England. Air, bus, and passenger rail service expand during the summer months to accommodate the large numbers of tourists.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 28 , Route 130, which connects Route 28 to the Mid-Cape Highway (U.S. Route 6) and Route 151 which connects Mashpee with Routes 28 and 25 to I-495 and I-195.

Rail

There is no freight rail service in Mashpee, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island is easily accessible.

Bus

Mashpee is a member of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), which provides fixed route service between points in Barnstable, Mashpee, and Falmouth. CCRTA also operates a b-bus demand response service.

Other

Barnstable Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility, has two asphalt runways 5,249' and 5,430'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Marston Mills Airport, has a 1,675'x 45' and a 2,680'x70' runway. Instrument approaches available: None. The Plymouth and Brockton Railway Bus Company has services from Barnstable to Logan Airport.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Pilgrim's Pride NH/Mashpee

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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